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In Re the Application of

TOSHIAKI HONGO, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1763

Application No.: 09/815,305

Examiner: ARANCIBIA, MAUREEN
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For: PLASMA PROCESSING APPARATUS HAVING AN EVACUATING ARRANGEMENT
TO EVACUATE GAS FROM A GAS-INTRODUCING PART OF A PROCESS CHAMBER

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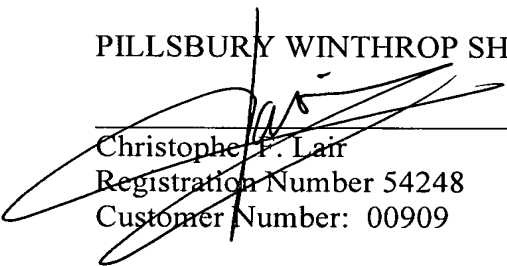
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